

the peace take and subscribe the following oath, to be copied in the secretary's book, viz :

Oath. "I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of commissioner of the town of Hickory for the ensuing year to the best of my ability. So help me God."

After the commissioners or a majority of them have been thus qualified the mayor (or chairman) shall declare the board of commissioners of the town of Hickory duly organized, when they shall appoint a secretary and treasurer and a town constable, both of whom shall hold their offices twelve months and until their successors are appointed and qualified, subject, however, to be removed at any time for misbehavior or neglect of duty in office and others appointed in their stead. Before acting each of the said officers shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his respective duties, and shall execute a bond with sufficient security payable to the town of Hickory in such sum as the board of commissioners may designate.

Officers to be appointed.

Removal.

Duties of secretary and treasurer.

SEC. 8. The secretary and treasurer shall act as the clerk of the mayor's court and of the meetings of the board of commissioners. He shall keep fair and regular minutes of the proceedings of all trials before the mayor, of all fines imposed or other judgments, and preserve the books, papers and all articles committed to his charge during his continuance in office, keep a strict account of all money coming into his hands from any or whatever source belonging to said town, pay the same out upon the order of the board approved by the mayor, and at the expiration of his term he shall deliver over to his successors all balance of money, books, papers and other property belonging to said town, and receive for his services such compensation as the board may allow.

Duties of constable.

SEC. 9. The town constable shall collect and pay over to the secretary and treasurer all taxes imposed by the commissioners according to the lists made out, all fines and costs when execution is issued to him for that pur-